

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 9, 10 and 19-23 contain allowable subject matter. To advance prosecution, the allowable limitation of dependent claims 19-23 has been added to claims 5, 7, 11, 13, 16 and 17. No new issues have been raised since the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter has been adopted.

Claims 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Jennings. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

It is believed that this rejection has been mooted by the amendments to claims 7, 11, 13 and 17, above. Indeed, each of those independent claims has been amended to incorporate the subject matter indicated allowable by the Examiner. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 5, 6 and 12 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jennings in view of Wang. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

It is believed that this rejection has been mooted by the amendment of claim 5 to incorporate the allowable limitations of dependent claim 19. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Claim 16 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jennings. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

This rejection has also been mooted by the amendment above to incorporate the subject matter indicated allowable by the Examiner into the independent claims.

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All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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